

PROJECT BLUEBOOK CLASSIFICATION

NORFOLK MASS

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Prison guards at Norfolk observed a slow moving greenish object moving south at a low altitude. Object was round and flat, appeared to be tilted. Object was followed by a loud rushing noise.

12.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 12:

- a. Certain
b. Fairly sure

- c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

13. Did the object look: (Circle One) Solid or Transparent like a shadow

14. Did the object at any time:

(Circle One for each question)

- 14.1 Change direction?
14.2 Change speed?
14.3 Change size?
14.4 Change color?
14.5 Break up into parts or explode?
14.6 Give off smoke?
14.7 Change brightness?
14.8 Flicker, throb, or pulsate?
14.9 Remain motionless?

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>

15. Did the object give off a light? (Circle One): Yes No Don't know

15.1 IF you answered YES, what was the color of the light? _____

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object?

16.1 Sound NONE

16.2 Color Dark Shadow

17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there?

Draw a picture of how they were arranged and put an arrow to show the direction they were traveling.

18. Did the object at any time:

18.1 Move behind something? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind.

18.2 Move in front of something? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of.

18.3 Blend with the background? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

19. Which of the following objects is about the same actual size as the object you saw? (Circle One):

- | | |
|------------------|---------------------------------|
| a. Pea | f. Automobile |
| b. Baseball | g. Small airplane |
| c. Basketball | h. Large airplane |
| d. Bicycle wheel | i. Dirigible |
| e. Office desk | j. Other <u>Circular Shadow</u> |

19.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 19.

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| a. Certain | c. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain | d. Uncertain |

20. Try to tell the following things about the object:

20.1 How high above the earth was it? 200 feet.

20.2 How far was it from you? 200 feet or miles.

20.3 How fast was it going? SLOW - 20 miles per hour. ~~THEN PICKED UP SPEED~~

20.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above questions:

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| a. Certain | c. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain | d. Just a guess |

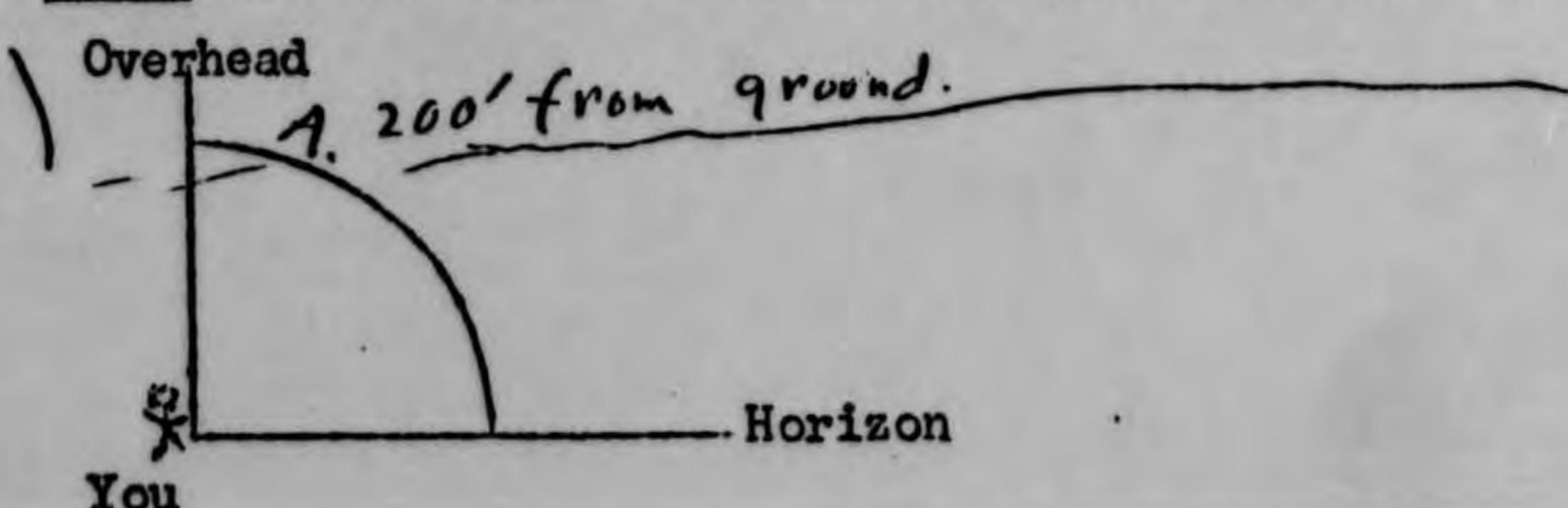
21. How did the object disappear from view?

(Circle One): a. Suddenly
b. Gradually

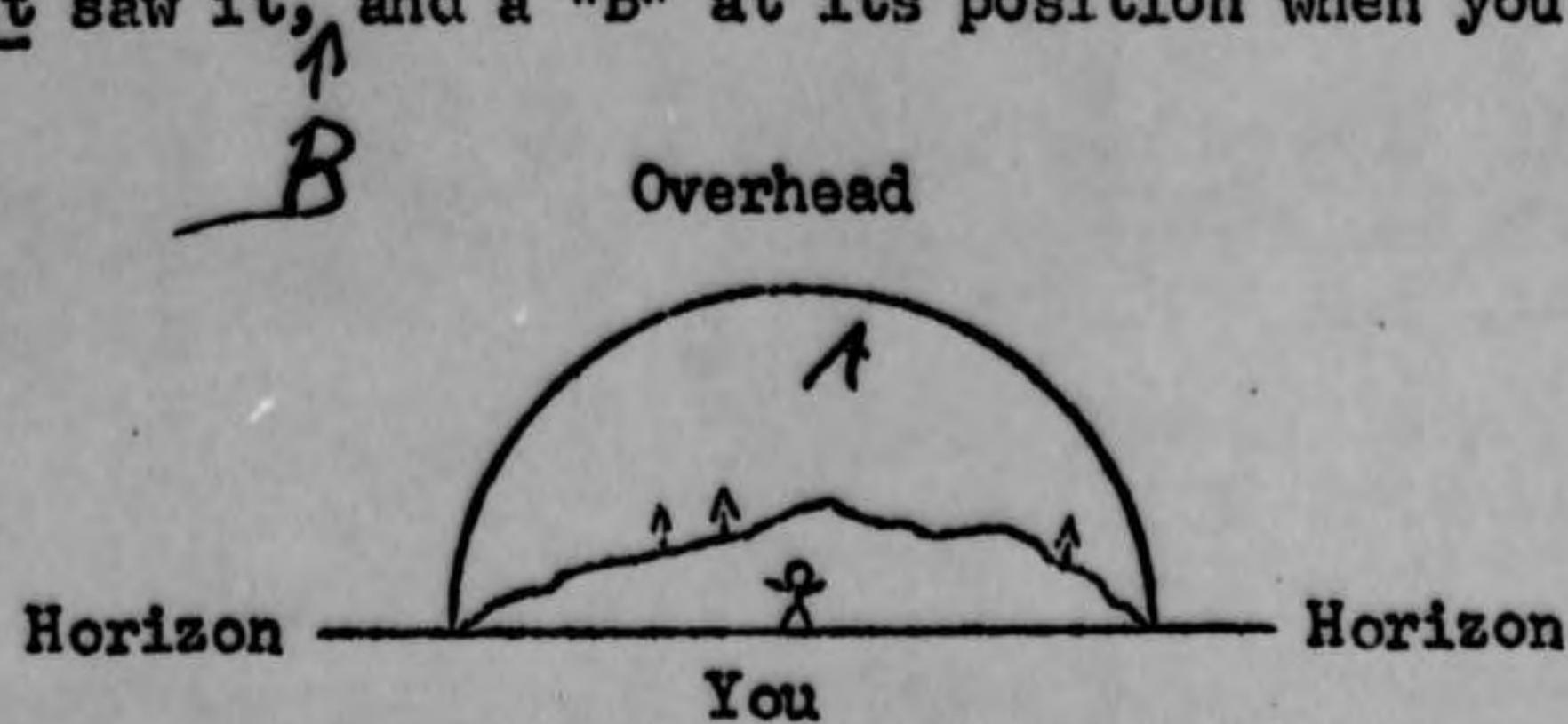
c. Other Seemed to go straight up at high speed
d. Don't remember

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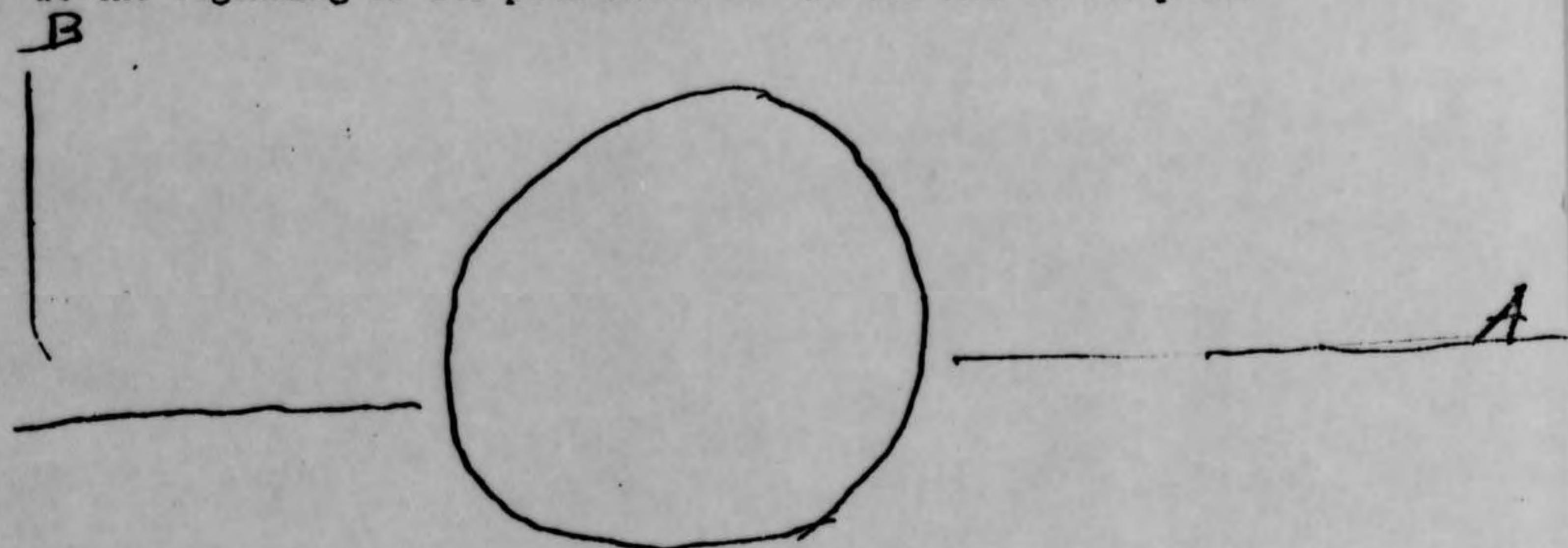
22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you first saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when you last saw it.



23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it.



24. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object made. Place an "A" at the beginning of its path and a "B" at the end of its path.



25. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw and place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



SECTION E

26. Was this the first time that you have seen an object like this?

(Circle One): Yes or No

26.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what conditions did you see other ones? _____

27. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

Appeared to be a round dark shadow

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME _____

Last Name

First Name

ADDRESS _____

City

Zone

State

Mass.

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

What is your present job?

Asst. Deputy Supt. Dept. of Connecti

Age 51

Sex Male

29. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One): Yes or No

29.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One): Yes or No

29.2 Please list their names and addresses:

[REDACTED], Norfolk, Mass.

30. Please add here any further comments which you believe are important.
Use additional sheets of the same size paper, if necessary.

Officers [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] were talking with me in front of our school bldg. at about the same time both shouted "What the hell is that?" They were facing west, I was facing east. I turned and seen a circular shadow sailing through the air not far above our building "3 stories" we ran to the corner of the school bldg. and watched the object until it got over the kitchen bldg. (located directly in the rear of school bldg. about 60 feet. Then it seemed to pick up great speed and go straight up in the air. The night was dark but the object seemed darker. It made no noise, to me the night seemed to get quieter as I watched the object.

Respectfully submitted
[REDACTED]

AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO

Only 2 or 3 records

23 Jul 52
Norfolk, Mass.

P.D. 6000
AUG 28 1952

Mr. [REDACTED]

Wrentham, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Your recent report of unidentified aerial phenomena has been received by the Air Technical Intelligence Center. Inclosed is a questionnaire, which, when completed by you and returned in the inclosed, self-addressed envelope, will aid in standardizing the data and will provide a complete record of the occurrence.

Your interest in reporting the matter and your public spirited desire to be of service are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Kennedy
ROBERT E. KENNEDY
Major, USAF
Air Adjutant General

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29 JUL 1952

SPAF INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S):
Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft,
Norfolk, Mass., 2105 hours, 23 Jul 52

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

SUMMARY:

On 24 July 1952, an unconventional aircraft was sighted by three (3) employees, Norfolk Prison Colony, Norfolk, Massachusetts. No activity or condition developed that accounts for sighting. No interception or identification action taken.

DETAILS:

At 0845 hours, 24 July 1952, Mrs. LONETTA HALL, Secretary, Chief of Staff's Office, Wk. 1124th AFU, Boston Army Base, Boston, Mass., telephonically advised that a guard at Norfolk Prison Colony, Norfolk, Mass., had observed an unconventional aircraft at approximately 2105 hours, 23 July 1952. On 24 July 1952, Special Agent RICHARD J. HANDELL obtained the names of [REDACTED], Assistant Deputy, [REDACTED] Correction Officer, and [REDACTED], Correction Officer, from the information desk, Norfolk, Prison Colony, as the persons who had sighted the unconventional aircraft. The observers were interviewed at their respective homes, which are [REDACTED], and [REDACTED], respectively. Interviewees furnished the following information:

a. Description of object: One (1) round, tilted object, 3 to 5 ft. in diameter, black in color, drifting along slowly, and which disappeared behind one of the buildings at the colony. No aerodynamic features, trail or exhaust, propulsion system, or sound were noted.

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b. Object was sighted at approximately 2105 hours, EDT,
23 July 1952, for approximately two to five seconds.

c. Object was sighted visually, no visual aids utilized.

d. Observers were at the Norfolk Prison Colony, Norfolk,
Massachusetts at the time of the sighting. The object was flying north
to south, approximately 60 to 225 feet away from the observers at an
approximate altitude of 50 to 100 ft. *with cond?*

e. [REDACTED] has been employed at the Norfolk Prison
Colony for 21 years as a guard. [REDACTED] has been employed at the
Norfolk Prison Colony for approximately 2½ years, worked previously at
Lawrence, Mass. in a woolen mill and served with the U. S. Coast Guard for
three years. [REDACTED] has been employed at the Norfolk Prison
Colony for approximately 2½ years, and served in the U. S. Navy for four
years as a painter on a 10-man gun crew.

f. Light wind from the south, dark night with no moon, but the
stars were out.

g. No activity or condition, meteorological or otherwise, which
might account for the sighting.

h. No physical evidence obtained.

i. No interception or identification action was taken. Boston
Army Base notified at approximately 2120 hours, 23 July 1952.

ACTION:

Two (2) copies of this report have been forwarded to the Commanding
General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio,
Attention: MCIS. No further action is contemplated by this District Office.

ROBERT S. JONES
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: CG, AMC (dup)
Cndr, ATLD (Info)

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SECURITY INFORMATION

HEADQUARTERS
NEW ENGLAND SUBAREA
Army Base, Boston 10, Massachusetts

AHAKB 452

28 July 1952

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Commanding General
First Army
Governors Island
New York, 4, N. Y.
ATTN: ACOFS, G2

1. In accordance with instructions contained in Intelligence Collection Memorandum, Department of the Army, dated 3 November 1950, the following information pertaining to the sighting of unconventional aircraft is submitted:

LOCATION AND TIME OF SIGHTING:

Norfolk Prison Colony, Norfolk, Massachusetts 2105 Hours, 23 July 1952.

WEATHER:

Clear Night - good visibility

PHOTOS:

Not available

NUMBER:

One

SHAPE:

Round, flat pancake shaped object, appeared to be tilted

SIZE:

Unknown

COLOR:

Greenish

SPEED:

Seemed Slow Moving

ALTITUDE:

Very low over prison

DIRECTION:

Moving to South from the Prison

SOUND:

Loud rushing noise followed

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SECURITY INFORMATION

AHAKB 452 SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft HQ NES Boston, Mass.

NAMES, OCCUPATIONS AND ADDRESSES OF WITNESSES:

Names on request from Norfolk Prison Colony, Occupation: Guards at Colony.

2. The above information was reported via telephone to the Boston Office (OSI), to Headquarters First Army on 23 July 1952.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

s/t/ THEODORE SIMMINGTON, JR.
Major, AGC
Assistant Adjutant General

A TRUE COPY:

PETER B VENABLE
Major, USAF
Asst Chief Combat Intelligence

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TENTATIVE
OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 23
Day July
Month 1952
Year

1.2 Time of Day: 9 10 A.M. or P.M. (Circle One)
Hrs. Min.

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

- a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
 b. Standard

1.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question 1.2:

2. Where were you when you saw the object:

Postal Address Norfolk Mass U.S.
City or Town State Country

Additional Remarks: Above address is the State
Prison Colony

3. Where were you located when you saw the object:

(Circle One): a. Inside a building d. In an airplane
b. In a car e. At sea
c. Outdoors f. Other _____

3.1 Were you:

(Circle One):

- a. In the business section of a city?
- b. In the residential section of a city?
- c. In open countryside?
- d. Flying near an airfield?
- e. Flying over a city?
- f. Flying over open country?
- g. Other Inside Prison Wall's

4. How did you happen to notice the object? I was standing outside the school bldg, with two other men. One of the others said, "What is that?"

5. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

23 July 1952
Day Month Year

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? Talking with several officers

6.1 What had you been doing for the 30 minutes before you saw the object? Try to list the activity or activities and the approximate amount of time spent on each.

I was waiting for the bed count to come in, performing various prison duties.

7. Were you moving at any time while you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or No

IF you answered YES, then complete the following questions:

7.1 What direction were you moving?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | e. South |
| b. Northeast | f. Southwest |
| c. East | g. West |
| d. Southeast | h. Northwest |

7.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

7.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One): Yes or No

8. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|--------------|---|
| a. North | e. South |
| b. Northeast | f. Southwest |
| c. East | g. West ← Others were looking this way. |
| d. Southeast | h. Northwest |

and called my attention to object

8.1 What direction were you looking when the object disappeared?

8.2 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of
your answer to the above question and preceding question (8 and
8.1).

9. Were you wearing eye glasses when you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or No

10. How was the object seen?

- (Circle One):

 - a. Through window glass
 - b. Through windshield
 - c. Through binoculars
 - d. Through telescope
 - e. Through theodolite
 - f. Through sunglasses
 - g. Through open space
 - h. Other

11. What do you remember about the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

11.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

- a. Clear sky
 - b. Hazy
 - c. Scattered clouds
 - d. Thick or heavy clouds
 - e. Don't remember

- a. Dry
 - b. Fog, Mist, or light rain
 - c. Moderate or heavy rain
 - d. Snow
 - e. Don't remember

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

- a. No wind
 - b. Slight breeze
 - c. Strong wind
 - d. Don't remember

- a. Cold
 - b. Cool
 - c. Warm
 - d. Hot**
 - e. Don't remember

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object?

Hours Minutes

2 or 3
Seconds